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1. South of the road from Gogolin (P51/789) to Strzelce Opolskie (Gross Strehlitz P 51/T00) between the villages of Dombrowka and Ligotka Dolna (Nieder Ellguth), there is located an airfield which belongs to the First Military Reserve. The surrounding area is hilly, only slightly wooded, and traversed by many roads and field paths.
2. The airfield was built by the Germans before the war, and was used by them during the war as a base for Stuka planes. The surface was leveled and drained; it is a hard rolled surface and is not covered with grass. Aircraft can take off and land in all directions, and there are no special air strips. The field measures 1,100 meters from east to west and 1,000 meters from north to south, and is bounded by a barbed wire fence, which is in bad condition. The field was heavily damaged during the war in bombing and artillery attacks, and no repairs had been made as late as 1950. Wartime damage has been increased by growth of grass and shrubs.
3. A small but good road runs outside of and parallel to the fence to the north of the airfield. Inside this same fence and also parallel to it, there is a rail spur which is used to move railroad tank cars. These tank cars, which contain liquid fuel, for the most part come from Strzelce on special trucks and upon arrival at the airfield, are transferred to the rail spur. Along the side of this rail spur, and at approximately equal distances from the eastern and western boundaries of the field, are located German-built underground liquid fuel storage tanks, with a total capacity of about 50,000 liters.
4. In the northwest corner of the airfield there is an aircraft firing range which is in good condition and is being used. Along the eastern boundary of the field there are located three hangars camouflaged as barns, administration buildings, workshops, a wind direction indicator equipped with night lighting, and a building for the control of the airfield, equipped with a radio station in its roof. About 400 meters southeast of the field, there is a glider school with one hangar.
5. The airfield is at present controlled by the Liga Lotnicza. It is going to be put under military control and be turned over to the Air Force. Prior to its militarization, the field will be rebuilt, the landing surface which now has many holes will be repaired, the hangars which are in need of repair and other buildings will be modernized or rebuilt, and the fuel tanks which are now empty will be filled.

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6. The following is a key to the attached sketch:

1. Aircraft firing range
2. Underground liquid fuel storage tanks
3. Rail spur
4. Hangars, camouflaged as barns
5. Administration and airfield personnel buildings
6. Wind direction indicator
7. Airfield control building
8. Glider school
9. Glider hangar

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